

1 AN ACT relating to the administration of justice and declaring an emergency.

2 WHEREAS, in 2016 Ky. Acts ch. 134, sec. 1, the 2016-18 Judicial Branch Budget,
3 the 2016 General Assembly appropriated funds for a new Family Court judgeship in the
4 Sixth Judicial Circuit for fiscal years 2016-17 and 2017-18; and

5 WHEREAS, while the 2016-18 Judicial Branch Budget contained the language
6 necessary to fund the additional Sixth Judicial Circuit judgeship, no corresponding
7 revisions to the applicable portions of KRS Chapter 23A were enacted by the 2016
8 General Assembly; and

9 WHEREAS, the Family Court judgeship in the Sixth Judicial Circuit was filled in
10 the November 2016 election as a result of the General Assembly's funding, and Family
11 Court has been operational in Daviess County since January 3, 2017;

12 WHEREAS, it is critical to the administration of justice in the Commonwealth that
13 the addition of a circuit judgeship in the Sixth Judicial Circuit be authorized in KRS
14 23A.045 by the 2017 General Assembly, in compliance with the funding appropriated by
15 the 2016 General Assembly; and

16 WHEREAS, this Act serves to facilitate enactment of the necessary legislation with
17 the intent that the legislation herein be applied retroactively to April 16, 2016, the
18 effective date of the 2016-18 Judicial Branch Budget; and

19 WHEREAS, the Kentucky Supreme Court has certified the necessity for the new
20 Sixth Judicial Circuit judgeship;

21 NOW, THEREFORE,

22 ***Be it enacted by the General Assembly of the Commonwealth of Kentucky:***

23 ➔Section 1. KRS 23A.040 is amended to read as follows:

24 The following judicial circuits are entitled to two (2) judges and shall have two (2)
25 numbered divisions of the Circuit Court:

26 (1) Fourth Judicial Circuit.

27 (2) Fifth Judicial Circuit.

- 1 (3) ~~[(Sixth Judicial Circuit.~~
2 ~~(4)—]~~Tenth Judicial Circuit.
3 ~~(4)~~~~[(5)]~~ Eleventh Judicial Circuit.
4 ~~(5)~~~~[(6)]~~ Twelfth Judicial Circuit.
5 ~~(6)~~~~[(7)]~~ Thirteenth Judicial Circuit.
6 ~~(7)~~~~[(8)]~~ Eighteenth Judicial Circuit.
7 ~~(8)~~~~[(9)]~~ Twentieth Judicial Circuit.
8 ~~(9)~~~~[(10)]~~ Twenty-first Judicial Circuit.
9 ~~(10)~~~~[(11)]~~ Twenty-fourth Judicial Circuit.
10 ~~(11)~~~~[(12)]~~ Thirty-second Judicial Circuit.
11 ~~(12)~~~~[(13)]~~ Thirty-fourth Judicial Circuit.
12 ~~(13)~~~~[(14)]~~ Thirty-seventh Judicial Circuit.
13 ~~(14)~~~~[(15)]~~ Thirty-eighth Judicial Circuit.
14 ~~(15)~~~~[(16)]~~ Thirty-ninth Judicial Circuit.
15 ~~(16)~~~~[(17)]~~ Forty-first Judicial Circuit.
16 ~~(17)~~~~[(18)]~~ Forty-second Judicial Circuit.
17 ~~(18)~~~~[(19)]~~ Forty-third Judicial Circuit.
18 ~~(19)~~~~[(20)]~~ Forty-sixth Judicial Circuit.
19 ~~(20)~~~~[(21)]~~ Forty-ninth Judicial Circuit.
20 ~~(21)~~~~[(22)]~~ Fiftieth Judicial Circuit.
21 ~~(22)~~~~[(23)]~~ Fifty-first Judicial Circuit.
22 ~~(23)~~~~[(24)]~~ Fifty-third Judicial Circuit.
23 ~~(24)~~~~[(25)]~~ Fifty-fifth Judicial Circuit.
24 ~~(25)~~~~[(26)]~~ Fifty-seventh Judicial Circuit.

25 ➔Section 2. KRS 23A.045 is amended to read as follows:

26 The following judicial circuits are entitled to three (3) Circuit Judges and shall have three
27 (3) numbered divisions of the Circuit Court:

1 (1) Second Judicial Circuit.

2 (2) Third Judicial Circuit.

3 **(3) Sixth Judicial Circuit.**

4 ~~(4)(3)~~ Fourteenth Judicial Circuit.

5 ~~(5)(4)~~ Seventeenth Judicial Circuit.

6 ~~(6)(5)~~ Twenty-seventh Judicial Circuit.

7 ~~(7)(6)~~ Twenty-eighth Judicial Circuit.

8 ~~(8)(7)~~ Thirty-first Judicial Circuit.

9 ~~(9)(8)~~ Thirty-fifth Judicial Circuit.

10 ~~(10)(9)~~ Forty-eighth Judicial Circuit.

11 ~~(11)(10)~~ Fifty-fourth Judicial Circuit.

12 ➔Section 3. Whereas it is critical to the ongoing operation of the Daviess County
13 Family Court to authorize the addition of a circuit court judgeship in the Sixth Judicial
14 Circuit, an emergency is declared to exist, and this Act takes effect upon its passage and
15 approval by the Governor or upon its otherwise becoming a law.

16 ➔Section 4. The provisions of this Act shall apply retroactively to April 16, 2016.